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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>6-5-07, 8-26-09, 1-20-10</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Winslow (US 67,832).

Winslow teaches a myopia therapy appliance, characterized in that the appliance comprises a suction head a and a handle C. To any extent applicant's element 2 is a handle so is the element C of Winslow. When manipulating the instant invention, it would appear one would manipulate the device by the larger diameter portion 1 of the section head 1. The user would have better control of the precise placement that is required fit the device onto the eyeball by directly manipulating the suction head itself. Moreover, when the suction head is part of the blinder, the blinder itself becomes the handle of the device. The element 2 is merely the stem where the blowhole is located to control the air pressure within the suction head a. While the element C is a mouthpiece, it would also be manipulated during use of the device to any extent applicant's element 2 does. Winslow teaches the handle C has a blowhole in the wall of the handle. Winslow teaches the suction cup has a round opening. While Winslow appears silent with regard to whether or not the opening is a flat opening, such is well within the realm of the artisan of ordinary skill. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify

Winslow to shape the opening of the suction cup to be flat or any shape as desired or required in order to provide a seal against the eye of the user.

Regarding claims 3 and 4, the exact size of the suction cups are well within the realm of the artisan of ordinary skill in order to find the optimum dimensions to perform the desired function.

Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Winslow in view of Chuan (CA 2,189,828).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Winslow to mount the suction cups on a blinder as taught by Chuan as a more convenient way of supporting the suction cups on the eyes of the user.

Regarding claims 7 and 8, the exact size of the suction cups are well within the realm of the artisan of ordinary skill in order to find the optimum dimensions to perform the desired function.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Danton DeMille whose telephone number is (571) 272-4974.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 to 6:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Justine Yu, can be reached on (571) 272-4835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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